Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1815.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Newburyport, on Tuesday, the 12th day of September, 5815.

PRESENT:

Exc't SAMUEL L. KNAPP,	Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" GILMAN WHITE,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN LORING,	Grand Secretary.
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. BENJ. WHITTEMORE,	Grand Steward.
" NICHOLAS PEARCE,	" "
" RICH'D HUNNEWELL,	Grand Tyler.

Ex't JONA. GAGE, Ex't THOMAS CAREY, Ex't WM. WOART.

The following Chapters Represented, viz:

St. Andrew's, by	Exc't ANDREW SIGOURNEY.
" " "	" HENRY PURKETT.
" " "	" Z. G. WHITMAN.
King Cyrus, "	" G. WHITE.
" " "	" N. KNAPP.
" " "	" JOSEPH BROWN.

Mount Vernon, by Exc't JONA. G. JOHNSON, as High Priest.
St. John's, " " OLIVER PRESCOTT, as High Priest.

Visiters admitted by vote.—Comps. John Davenport, Thomas S. Bowles, Sewell Spofford and David Stickney.

Voted, That Exc't Comps. William Woart, Z. G. Whitman and Oliver Prescott, be a Committee to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and to report what compensation shall be made them for their services the year past.

The Committee having attended the duty assigned them, reported, "That they find the Grand Treasurer's accounts rightly cast and properly vouched, and that there remains in his hands a balance of two hundred and one dollars and thirty cents belonging to the Grand Chapter; they also find that the books of the Grand Secretary are in exact order, and the records correctly entered. The Grand Treasurer declines receiving any compensation for his services, but your Committee recommend, that the sum of twenty dollars be allowed and paid the Grand Secretary for his services the past year, which report was accepted."

A communication from M.E. Comp. Henry Fowle was read, stating that previous to the meeting of the Grand Chapter in Charlton, he had examined the Robes, Jewels and other Regalia of the Grand Chapter, and found them in no condition for a public procession, he therefore (with the advice and consent of such of the Grand Officers as he could conveniently see) had them put in order, and new head dresses made, which he had paid for, and for which he requested repayment.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the bills for the above, and that E. Comp. Fowle receive the thanks of the Grand Chapter for his attention to the same.

The time having arrived for the choice of officers for the ensuing year, Comps. Henry Purkett and Jona. G. Johnson, were appointed to collect, count and declare the votes, and the following Companions were found to be duly elected, viz:

M.E. JOHN ABBOT, . . .	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Grand King.
" NATH'L KNAPP, Jr., .	Grand Scribe.
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.

Previous to the choice, Exc't Comps. Samuel L. Knapp, Grand King, and Andrew Sigourney, Grand Scribe, declined being considered candidates for any offices.

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented them for their services the year past.

A part of the Mark and Royal Arch lectures were recited and the Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN LORING,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th, A. L. 5815.

PRESENT:

M.E. JOHN ABBOT, . . .	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Grand King.

E. Henry Purkett, . . Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Thomas P. Jackson, . Grand Treasurer.
" John Loring, . . Grand Secretary.
Rev. and E. Paul Dean, . Grand Chaplain.
" " " Ezekiel L. Bascom, " "
Ex't Z. G. Whitman, . . Grand Marshal.
Comp. Seth Johnson, . . Grand Steward.
" Samuel Davis, . . " "
" Ebenezer Oliver, . Grand Tyler.

E. Andrew Sigourney, . . Past Grand Scribe.

St. Andrew's Chapter, Rep. by Ex. A. Bowers, King, and D. L. Gibbens, Scribe, *pro tem.*
St. John's Chapter, Rep. by M.E. Caleb Butler, High Priest.
King Solomon's Chapter, Rep. by M.E. Richard Carrique, High Priest.
Washington Chapter, Rep. by E. Joseph Baker, as High Priest.
King Hiram Chapter, Rep. by M.E. Alpheus Harding, High Priest.

The following Companions were admitted as visiters per votes.—Daniel Tuck, James F. Robinson, Samuel Henry, Daniel Pickering, John R. Bradford and Timothy Whiting.

A list of the Grand Officers appointed since the last Annual Communication, was read, and those present duly installed.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Committee appointed in June, 5813, on the subject of censures and expulsions, be discharged, and that the same be recommitted to Ex. Companions Henry Fowle, Andrew Sigourney and Zach. G. Whitman, who are requested to report thereon at the next Communication.

The following motion was made and committed to Ex. Comps. Andrew Sigourney, Henry Fowle and Richard Carrique, viz:

"That every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall require of every candidate by them accepted and advanced, the full fee for exaltation, and that every Chapter shall make a return of those advanced and pay the fee to the Grand Chapter, although such candidate may not have been exalted."

A report of a convention of High Priests at Boston, stating that they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on M.E. Comps. Alpheus Harding and Thomas W. Colby, who had severally produced the necessary credentials, was read.

Voted, That said report be placed on the files of the Grand Chapter.

A part of the Mark and Royal Arch lectures were recited, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN LORING,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Grand Officers for the current year, viz:

M.E. John Abbot, . . . Grand High Priest.
E. James C. King, . . Deputy Grand High Priest.
" Henry Fowle, . . Grand King.
" Nath'l Knapp, Jr. . . Grand Scribe.
" Thomas P. Jackson, . Grand Treasurer.
" John Loring, . . . Grand Secretary.
Rev. Paul Dean, . . . Grand Chaplain.
" Ezekiel L. Bascom, . " "
E. Zach. G. Whitman, . . Grand Marshal.
Comp. Seth Johnson, . . Grand Steward.
" Samuel Davis, . . " "
" Benj. Whitmore, . . " "
" Jona. G. Johnson, . . " "
" Richard Hunnewell, . Grand Tyler.
" Eben'r Oliver, . . " "

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

At a Special Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, Tuesday evening, 28th of May, 5816.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
E. NATH'L KNAPP, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
" ZACH. G. WHITMAN, . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. JONA. G. JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
" SETH JOHNSON, . .	" "
" EBEN'R OLIVER, . .	Grand Tyler.
SAMUEL KNAPP, . .	Past Grand King.
JONATHAN GAGE, . .	Past Dep. G. High Priest.

St. Andrew's Chapter, Rep. by ROBERT LASH, Jr., High Priest.
Washington Chapter, Rep. by HENRY WHIPPLE, as High Priest.
King Hiram Chapter, Rep. by ALPHEUS HARDING, High Priest.

Comp. Nath'l Hammond admitted to visit per vote.

The Committee on censures and expulsions, reported progress, and was allowed to sit again.

The Committee on fees to this Grand Chapter reported.

Voted, That the subject be recommitted to the same Committee, and that E. Comps. Z. G. Whitman and Henry Purkett, be added thereto.

Voted, That the next Regular Meeting of this Grand Chapter be prorogued until the regular Annual Meeting in September ensuing.

Voted, That the dispensation granted to sundry Companions to hold a Chapter in the town of Greenwich, bearing date June 13th, 5815, be extended to the 13th of Dec., 5816, and that the Grand Secretary certify the same on said Dispensation.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be a committee to provide a place for the meetings of the Grand Chapter, when held in Boston, after the lease of the present Hall expires.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay from the funds of this Grand Chapter the expenses of those officers, or their proxies, whose duty it may be to attend the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in the city of New York, in June ensuing.

Voted, That Ex. Comps. Andrew Sigourney, Henry Purkett and Zach. G. Whitman, be a Committee to provide a dinner for the Grand Chapter and the representatives of subordinate Chapters, at the Annual Communication in September next.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Greenwich, September 4th, 5816, at the house of Comp. John Warner.

PRESENT:

M.E. JOHN ABBOT, . . .	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Grand King.
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Scribe.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
Comp. Rev. PAUL DEAN, . .	Grand Chaplain.
" Z. G. WHITMAN, , .	Grand Marshal.
" AUGUSTUS PEABODY, .	Grand R. A. Captain.
" CALEB BUTLER, . .	Grand Captain of Host.
" SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
" SAMUEL PAYSON, . .	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the following report of the Committee appointed in August last, read and accepted.

SEPTEMBER 3D, A. L. 5816.

M.E. JOHN ABBOT, Esq.,
Grand High Priest of the Commonwealth of Mass.

SIR: The Committee appointed to examine King Hiram Chapter, have attended to the business assigned them, and with pleasure report, that the Records of said Chapter have been correctly kept, and that its members have made such proficiency in the Royal Art as will, in our opinion, entitle the Chapter to be duly consecrated and its officers regularly installed.

Signed, ANDREW SIGOURNEY, CALEB BUTLER, AUGUSTUS PEABODY, } *Committee.*

A procession was then formed and proceeded to the place designated for the performance of the ceremonies. They commenced with an appropriate prayer by the Rev. Comp. Jonathan Nye of Newfane, Vt. This was followed by a discourse by him, which combining elegance with perspicuity and strength of language with precision of thought, not

only displayed his ability as an orator, but his literary eminence as a writer. The consecration of King Hiram Chapter in ample form, with the installation of its officers, succeeded, and a prayer and benediction closed the public performances.

The procession was again formed and the Grand Chapter conducted to their apartment, where having closed in the usual form, proceeded to refreshment and partook of a handsome collation. After a few toasts, the fraternity remembering the admonition of St. Paul, "that all things should be done decently and in good order," separated, well pleased with the performances of the day.

The following is a list of the officers of King Hiram Chapter, which were installed by correspondent officers of the Grand Chapter, viz:

M.E. EZEKIEL L. BASCOM, .	High Priest.
E. ALPHEUS HARDING, .	King.
" JAMES THOMPSON, by proxy,	Scribe.
Comp. WM. MILLEN, . .	Treasurer.
" DAVID MILLEN, . .	Secretary.
" BARNA BRIGHAM, . .	Royal Arch Captain.
" JOHN WARNER, . .	Captain of Host.
" WARREN P. WING, .	Principal Sojourner.
" ITHAMAR CONKEY, . .	Master of 3d Vail.
" JAMES F. ROBBINS, .	Master of 2d Vail.
" JOHN CONKEY, Jr., . .	Master of 1st Vail.
" JAS. HIDE, . . .	Steward.
" N. FITTON, . . .	"
" SILAS NEWTON, . .	Tyler.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.